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In re Application of:

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For: CONTAINER WITH INHERENTLY

STABLE BASE MADE OF FLEXIBLE)

MATERIAL AND METHOD FOR

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## **RESPONSE B**

With reference to the Examiner's action dated June 24, 2002 Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

## **AMENDMENTS**

## In the Claims:

Please rewrite the following claims to read as follows:

- 5. (Amended) A method for manufacturing an inherently stable container made of flexible material, comprising the following steps:
- a) folding a continuous film of flexible material of appropriate width, to obtain a pouch by way of a longitudinal heat-seal and by way of evenly spaced transverse heat-seals, followed by cropping the folded film transversely;
- b) heat-sealing in sides of the pouch, at a region of the transverse heatseals, forming two triangles having wings laterally disposed relative to the longitudinal heat-seal;
  - c) punch opening said pouch, and optionally filling the pouch with a product;

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